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THE WEATHER:

Showers and warmer Tuesday;

Wednesday partly cloudy.

Hourly temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

Ak-Sar-Ben Dates,

Electrical Parade—Wednesday, October 1
Auto Floral Parade—Thursday, October 2
Coronation Ball—Friday, October 3
Con. T. Kennedy shows every afternoon and evening.

S. TROOPS POLICING OMAHA
BRING DISORDERS TO AN END

RIOTERS WILL FACE CHARGES

County Attorney Shotwell Declares He Will Prosecute Participants in Lynching Denies Alleged Interviews.

DISTRICT JUDGES MAY SUMMON GRAND JURY

20 Men Arrested Since Riot for Carrying Concealed Weapons and Investigation. Nine of Them Negroes.

County Attorney Shotwell declared yesterday that every instrument of the law will be used to bring to justice the men who participated in setting fire to the court house and lynching the negro Sunday night.

Want Brute Punished. "We officials have the same feelings as other men," said the county attorney. "We are just as anxious to prosecute brutes who assault women as any other men are."

Denies Interviews. "Interviews purporting to come from me have been published in some papers which were ridiculous. One stated that after the police judge bound prisoners over to the district court, the county attorney failed to file complaints. That is ridiculous, because the binding of a prisoner over to the district court is in itself a complaint and must be prosecuted."

28 Men Arrested. Twenty-eight men have been arrested since the riot for carrying concealed weapons and for investigation. Nine are negroes and had pockets full of ammunition, police say. Bond for each was set at \$25.

Those arrested were: D. Smith, (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Phone Girls Remain On Duty Doing Bit to Suppress Rioting

During the excitement, rioting and destruction which ran rampant in Omaha Sunday night and all day Monday, there was one body of girls, unharmed, uncomplained, and overworked, who remained at their tasks with never a break, serving the public in a period of stress, one of the worst in the history of Omaha.

The operators employed by the Nebraska Telephone Co., sitting quietly at their boards, answering hundreds of emergency calls made by unthinking seekers after information, performed a service the value of which cannot be overestimated. Many of the girls were forced, by the unusual number of calls, to remain in their chairs for 14 or 18 hours. All of them were called back to overtime work Monday, and are still on the alert, subject to call at any moment.

The people of Omaha can never properly express their gratitude to these girls for the no less than noble attempts to do their bit in the face of the swarming hordes of frenzied populace which placed demands far beyond reason upon their shoulders, with never a thought of thankfulness or consideration.

AK-SAR-BEN WILL SHOW PARADES AS ADVERTISED

Sunday Rioting Will Not Interfere With Carnival of Fun Ordered by Samson.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES table with columns for date and attendance.

Omaha is going to prove itself equal to the emergency by continuing the silver anniversary of Ak-Sar-Ben with that spirit which gave birth to the expression, "Business as usual."

Paraphrasing that expression, it might be said, "Ak-Sar-Ben as usual," as J. D. (Dad) Weaver of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben remarked yesterday afternoon.

Tomorrow is the date for the electrical pageant, which will be the 25th successive annual event of the kind held under the auspices of Omaha's great organization, which now has a membership of 5,000 live-wire men of the metropolis.

Will Hold Pageant. A description of the 18 splendid floats appeared in The Bee last Sunday. Those who have had the privilege of viewing these floats at the Den on North Twentieth street have no hesitancy in saying that the pageant this year will be a marvel of the craftsmanship which has been a factor in making Ak-Sar-Ben famous throughout the land.

"Famous Love Stories" is the theme upon which Gus Renze, chief artificer, and his crew have been working for several months in their wonder workshop. More than 600 men will accompany the floats, which will be illuminated by 10,000 lights worked into their designs, in addition to myriad of lights with which the downtown district will be embellished.

Soldiers Will Aid. The officials of Ak-Sar-Ben emphasize again the automobile floral parade which will be shown Thursday afternoon, 2 o'clock. The electrical parade will move promptly at 8 o'clock tonight. Ten bands of music will appear with the electrical parade and eight with the automobile parade.

Incidentally, Omaha will have as guests, under circumstances not expected a few days ago, quite a gathering of soldiers from Camp Dodge, Grant and Funston. They are not here on an errand of pleasure, but they will be in evidence during the hours of the parades.

Carnival Grounds Open. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the Central department, United States army, also will be in Omaha. The original plan was to have him here Wednesday night as a guest of honor, but information received yesterday indicates that he will be here today.

The King's holiday continues to be the mecca of pleasure seekers, who are enjoying the entertainment bill of fare offered by the Con T. Kennedy carnival shows. The carnival grounds are open every day, 11 to 11.

COLLEGE YELL GREET'S MERCIER AT PRINCETON

Accorded Greater Ovation by Students Than Any Hero of the Gridiron.

Princeton, Sept. 29.—A mightier yell than ever greeted any victorious hero of the gridiron echoed over Princeton when Cardinal Mercier of Belgium was welcomed with the famous "Siss boom! ah, tiger, tiger," from hundreds of students' throats as he rose in Alexander hall to receive the degree of Doctor of Laws.

The ovation lasted several minutes. The special train which brought the cardinal and his suite from Philadelphia was met at the station by President Hibben and members of the faculty.

The prelate was escorted to Alexander hall, where President Hibben delivered an address of welcome. The president compared the distinguished visitor to St. Augustine, "pleading not for mercy, but for justice." He declared the Belgian primate belonged not merely to his own church, but to churchmen the world over.

In reply, Cardinal Mercier said that he came not as a member of the clergy, but as an individual, "as the representative of the people of Belgium to express our thanks and appreciation to your university for your acts of kindness shown us during the conflict."

GOVERNOR TO PROBE LYNCHING

Chief Executive, Accompanied by Attorney General, Comes to Omaha to Investigate Riots and Their Causes.

BUSINESS MEN MEET TO DISCUSS PLANS

Police and Sheriff Increase Forces—Regular Army Troops Patrol Streets and Break Up All Crowds.

Governor McKelvie and Attorney General Davis arrived in Omaha at 3:40 o'clock this morning to start an investigation of the riots and the causes leading up to it.

Reports from Lincoln say the governor and the attorney general will attempt to determine the source of the blame for the lack of action on the part of Omaha authorities that might have averted the riots.

Representatives of the business organizations of Omaha took prompt action yesterday to set the community right in the eyes of the public regarding the lynching. A meeting was held in the city hall attended by representatives of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and other business men. At its adjournment, the meeting authorized the following statement:

The disorder of Sunday night does not represent the spirit of the people of Omaha. Prompt action has been taken by the public authorities, supported by the law-abiding people of Omaha, to prevent further outbreak.

Police Force Increased. 1. The city authorities have been authorized to add from 300 to 500 more to the police force. Further additions will be made as occasion may require.

2. The sheriff has been instructed to appoint special deputies to remain in charge of the court house and guard the public property there.

3. In response to a call from the civil authorities in Omaha and in the state of Nebraska, General Leonard Wood has instructed Colonel Wiest to have the streets of Omaha patrolled by regular troops of the United States army. Full protection will be afforded to all persons threatened with disorder and no further attacks or outbreaks of any kind will be permitted. Arms carried by private citizens must be surrendered. No crowds will be permitted to congregate where disorders may arise.

4. Those persons who took part in the mob violence last night are in the eyes of the law guilty of murder. Civil government will be immediately restored in the city of Omaha and all criminal participants in the mob will be promptly prosecuted.

EVERETT BUCKINGHAM, FRANCIS A. BROWN, RANDALL K. BROGAN, HOWARD H. BALDRIGE, TYLER BELT, J. E. DAVIDSON, S. S. CALDWELL, L. C. NASH, JOHN W. GAMBLE, GEORGE BRANDEIS.

Legion Members Volunteer. The executive committee of the legion issued the following statement: "Whereas, The basic purpose of the American Legion is to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America, and to maintain law and order, and

"Whereas, An emergency exists in the city of Omaha, today, "Therefore, The Douglas county post of the American Legion, hereby pledges itself, to the restitution and maintenance of law and order in the city of Omaha, and calls upon its members, individually, to volunteer immediately, to act as special deputies, in support of the legally constituted authorities of this pledge, in the carrying out of this pledge.

"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE." More than 400 members of the American Legion gathered in the council chamber of the city hall early in the evening and remained all night, ready to respond to any call.

Formed Into Platoons. The men were formed into 10 infantry platoons, one medical, one machine gun, and one home guard platoon. Each platoon was made up

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Douglas County Court House as It Looked Morning After Siege By Howling Mob



The above photo shows the fire destruction on first and second floors. In the foreground at the right, the telephone pole from which the negro, Brown, was hanged is shown.

TWO NEGROES SHOT DOWN BY MASKED MOB

Taken from County Officials Near Montgomery, Ala., and Riddled With Bullets.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 29.—Two negroes, Miles Phifer and Robert Crosky, the latter a discharged soldier, were taken from county officials about five miles from Montgomery and shot to death by a mob of about 25 masked men. Both negroes were charged with having assaulted white women.

The two negroes were being taken to the state prison at Wetumpka for safe keeping when the mob held up the automobile, carrying them. The mob forced the county officials to surrender their arms, led the negroes into a wood and opened fire on them with shotguns and pistols.

The negroes were in the custody of three deputy sheriffs when the mob blocked the road and demanded that the prisoners be turned over to it.

Realize Resistance Useless. Realizing that resistance was useless, the deputies gave up their arms and the negroes. Leaving one of their number to guard the officers the members of the mob took the negroes into the wood, released them and told them to run.

Completely frightened the negroes made little effort to get away and were only a few yards distant when the mob opened fire, Phifer was instantly killed, his body being riddled with bullets, but Crosky lived for several hours after he was shot down.

The negroes had been granted a preliminary hearing earlier in the day and their trials set for Friday. The mob began organizing soon after the result of the preliminary hearing became known and because of the dangers the authorities decided to take the prisoners to the state prison.

Posse of Armed Men Pursues Negro Who Attacked Woman

Merchantville, N. J., Sept. 29.—Headed by Sheriff Lippincott of Burlington county, a posse of more than 100 armed men surrounded a swamp near Hainesport in an effort to capture a negro who is alleged to have made an attack upon Mrs. Mary Notsey of this town. Threats of violence were made by some members of the posse, but the authorities declare they are able to protect the fugitive should he be caught, and that law and order must be preserved.

In a statement, Mayor Sonnett said: "There will be no lynching. If the prisoner, when caught, attempts to escape, however, he will be immediately shot."

All the roads and bridges in the vicinity were guarded by farmers armed with shotguns. A powerful searchlight was played continuously over the swamp.

WILSON NOT TO WORK OR WORRY; BEGINS VACATION

Visit of Belgian King and Queen Will be Postponed Until He Is Better.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Under an absolute prohibition against work or worry, President Wilson began the vacation which has been prescribed as the cure for his attack of nervous exhaustion.

After another troubled night he slept from early morning until toward noon, and in the afternoon was taken for an hour's automobile ride. The remainder of the day, he spent quietly secluded in his room or talking with members of his family, his attention being kept scrupulously away from executive business of any form. So thorough will be the effort to prevent him from doing any work that he will not be permitted, for the present, to see any of the senate leaders in charge of the fight for ratification of the peace treaty. White House officials believe it essential that this subject, which has occupied such a large place in the president's mind, be put entirely aside.

Royalty's Visit Postponed. The visit of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium to the White House also will be postponed, it was announced definitely, because of Mr. Wilson's condition. Instead of being received by the president at the end of the present week, the king and queen first will make their tour of the country.

"Slightly Better." After a day of rest President Wilson is described as "slightly better" in an official bulletin issued tonight by Dr. Cary Grayson.

The bulletin, which recorded the first change to be officially noted in Mr. Wilson's condition since he was taken ill last Friday, did not give details.

King Albert Wires Sympathy. On Board U. S. Ship George Washington, Sept. 29.—King Albert of Belgium, on learning of the illness of President Wilson, sent a wireless message of sympathy to the president and also requested that he be kept informed as to his condition.

King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold spent a quiet Sunday, reading, promenading the decks and receiving informally a few of their friends.

Monday the George Washington was favored with perfect weather.

New York Liquor Dealers Stock Up for Short Spree

New York, Sept. 29.—No "ring," it is said, on one of Broadway's famous "rumors" that within a week President Wilson would cast wartime prohibition into the discard by proclaiming demobilization completed, New York liquor dealers began "stocking up" for a brief "wet" period until next January. With huge quantities of bonded whisky arriving here from Kentucky, restaurants and saloons began enrolling bartenders and waiters previously "laid off"

SCHWAB PLANT AT BETHLEHEM STRIKE CENTER

Union Leaders Say It Is Crippled, While Officials Claim Nearly All Employees at Work.

By The Associated Press. Results of the great offensive and counter-offensive scheduled to usher in the second week of the steel strike, by means of which capital and labor hoped to break the deadlock developed after the first few days, remains in doubt.

In the Pittsburgh and Chicago districts, the strategic points on the industrial front, both sides made determined efforts to push forward, tempered with the hope of resuming full operation, the other of crippling more plants. The chief struggle, however, was waged for control in the mills of the Bethlehem Steel company, whose 40,000 employees had been commanded by union leaders to join the ranks of the strikers.

Reports Do Not Jibe. Here are the reports issued from rival headquarters dealing with the Bethlehem objective: "The employees reported to work this morning in such numbers as to provide for practically a full operation of all plants," E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem company, said.

"Charles M. Schwab's big plant at Bethlehem is completely crippled," said William Z. Foster, secretary of the strikers' national committee.

Elsewhere results of the day's economic battle were equally obscured by conflicting claims. The independent plant of Jones and Laughlin company, in Pittsburgh is "50 per cent out of action," according to Foster, but according to company officials, it is little affected. The Carnegie company and other concerns in the crucial Pittsburgh, salient claimed men were returning "in goodly numbers" while unionists heralded failure of the United States Steel corporation to "stampede" their forces.

Stubbornly Contested. From Chicago came reports that the struggle for control in that center was being equally, stubbornly contested, without apparent material gain for either side.

The Weirton Steel company suspended operations at its plant in Clarksburg, W. Va., posting notices that the mills would be closed indefinitely for repairs. This shutdown was characterized by labor leaders as a lockout.

The threatened "invasion" of West Virginia by Ohio strikers to enforce a walkout in the Weirton mills did not develop. Ohio guardsmen held mobilized in Steubenville armories for possible disturbances were not called into action.

Italian Houses Dissolves. Britain Are Canceled

Rome, Sept. 29.—Parliament has been dissolved. Elections will be held November 18 and Parliament will then reassemble.

MAYOR RECOVERING FROM RIOT INJURIES; RAIN SCATTERS MOBS

Observation Balloon and Powerful Searchlights Aid Troops in Guarding Black Belts and Scene of Lynching—Trench Helmets Worn by Riot Squads Manning Machine Guns Mounted on High-Powered Auto Trucks—Military Zones Maintained by Army Forces at Nightfall.

Mayor Smith, who narrowly escaped death at the hands of the frenzied mob which Sunday night lynched Will Brown, the negro accused of criminally assaulting Agnes Loeback, 19-year-old white girl, and terrorizing the entire community, early this morning was reported to be resting easily at the Ford hospital.

The attending physician announced the serious injuries sustained by the city's chief executive would not prove fatal. Col. J. E. Morris of Fort Crook, Neb., has been placed in complete authority over the soldiers and policemen charged with maintaining order in the city. Colonel Morris is making his headquarters at the police station. His orders to the patrolmen are given through the police captains.

Calm is Restored. Lieutenant Conklin of Fort Omaha late last night reported that he had headed a squadron of soldiers in making a canvass of the city. Calm has been restored, he reported. Small groups of men show a disposition to congregate here and there in anticipation of danger. Lieutenant Conklin reported. They are easily convinced, however, there is no occasion for fear and are dismissed to their homes.

The heavy rain which visited the city early last night is believed to have proven a benefit to those who have undertaken to restore quiet.

Specials Are Disarmed. Police Commissioner Ringer swore in 25 special policemen, issued them badges and furnished them with firearms. They were stationed at twenty-fourth and Cuming streets, just over the edge of the "black belt."

When the men began to patrol the streets, soldiers on guard in the district rounded them up in a fire hall, disarmed them and took away their badges. The badges were returned and the men sent home.

Friction, which threatened to result seriously, took place between two negro lieutenants and several white pedestrians. The difficulty was settled, however, by white soldiers, who put an end to the argument and disarmed the negroes.

Remove Negro Prisoners.

Twenty-five negroes were taken from the Douglas county jail yesterday afternoon and sent to the penitentiary at Lincoln for safe keeping. They were accompanied by deputy sheriffs and it was said they would not be brought back until it was certain it would be safe for them to return.

Two of the prisoners were suffering from gunshot wounds while they were on the roof of the court house, where they were forced to flee from the flames. Their wounds are not serious. Two of these negroes were serving jail sentences and 23 were being held for trials.

The soldiers and police have been besieged by mothers and wives looking for scores of men said to have disappeared since the riot. Among those who reported missing husbands was Mrs. William Landry, 2213 Howard street. Mr. Landry has not been home since 1 o'clock Monday morning.

Use Observation Balloon.

During the early hours of the evening observation balloons at the Fort Omaha ballroom school were raised to an elevation which commanded a view of the "black belt" a few miles away, centering Twenty-fourth and Lake streets.

Powerful flashlights were trained in this district, where thousands of negroes reside. The negroes quite generally observed the recommendations issued during the day by the military authorities, what they should remain in their homes after nightfall. A detachment of soldiers has been stationed in the Lake street district with machine guns and other equipment. Order prevailed throughout the district during the evening.

Legion Members Respond. Members of the local chapter of the American Legion, who responded to a call, are quartered in the city hall, where they have opened a telephone exchange. They are well equipped with a battery of automobiles and are ready to respond instantly to any call.

A military zone has been established on four streets surrounding the court house, which was the scene of the lynching and incendiary Sunday night. The soldiers are also stationed in the South Side district and at central police station. A company of soldiers from Camp

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